



ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH, UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2025

HONORING REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

PRELUDE

We've a Story to Tell the Nations *Henry Ernest Nichol* (1842–1899)

Higher Ground *Johnson Oatman Jr.* (1856–1922)

arrangement: *Seonha Son*

Precious Lord, Take My Hand *Thomas A. Dorsey* (1899–1993)

arrangement: *Eunmi Lee*

Hyunju Jung (she/her), piano

WELCOME & GREETINGS Rev. Beth Robbins (she/her)

Rebecca Parkhill (she/her), Worship Coordinator

INTROIT

Perhaps Love *John Denver* (1943–1997)

Sam LaGrego (he/him), tenor

Perhaps love is like a resting place, a shelter from the storm

It exists to give you comfort, it is there to keep you warm

And in those times of trouble when you are most alone

The memory of love will bring you home

Perhaps love is like a window, perhaps an open door

It invites you to come closer, it wants to show you more

And even if you lose yourself and don't know what to do

The memory of love will see you through

Oh, love to some is like a cloud, to some as strong as steel

For some a way of living, for some a way to feel

And some say love is holding on and some say letting go

And some say love is everything, and some say they don't know

**You are invited to stand as you are willing and able.*

Perhaps love is like the ocean, full of conflict, full of change
Like a fire when it's cold outside, or thunder when it rains
If I should live forever, and all my dreams come true
My memories of love will be of you

OPENING WORDS & CHALICE LIGHTING

Loving Your Enemies *Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (1929–1968)*
Rev. Beth Robbins (she/her), Executive Minister

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

*HYMN 119

Once to Every Soul and Nation text: *James Russell Lowell*
sung to the tune of
Light of Ages and of Nations (#190) music: *Franz Joseph Haydn (1732–1809)*

Once to every soul and nation comes the moment to decide
An the strife of truth with falsehood, for the good or evil side
Then to stand with truth is noble, when we share its wretched crust
Ere that cause bring fame and profit, and 'tis prosperous to be just

Though the cause of evil prosper, yet 'tis truth alone is strong
Though its portion be the scaffold, and upon the throne be wrong
Then it is the brave one chooses, while the coward stands aside
Till the multitude make virtue of the faith they have denied

COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW & JOY

Sanctuary *John W. Thompson (b. 1950) & Randy Scruggs (1953–2018)*
adaptation: *Crawford Harvie/Buckles*
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles (b. 1980)*

Open my heart to be a sanctuary
All made holy, loved, and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for you

*To have your candle of sorrow or joy read during the service,
please submit it in advance at ASCBoston.org.
During the service, candles are welcome in the Zoom chat.*

AFFIRMATION & COVENANT

Love is the spirit
of this congregation,
And service is our gift.
This is our great covenant:
To dwell together in peace,
To speak our truths in love,
And to help one another.

El amor es el espíritu
de nuestra congregación,
Y el servicio es nuestro regalo.
Esto es a lo que nos comprometemos:
Convivir en paz,
Hablar nuestras verdades con amor,
Y ayudarnos los unos a los otros.

***HYMN 169**

We Shall Overcome *African American Spiritual*

We shall overcome, we shall overcome, we shall overcome someday!
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe we shall overcome someday!

We'll walk hand in hand...

We shall all be free...

We shall live in peace...

READING

I've Been to the Mountaintop *Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (1929–1968)*

SERMON

A Dangerous Unselfishness *Rev. Beth Robbins*

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Up to the Mountain (MLK Song) *Patty Griffin (b. 1964)*
Sam LaGrego, tenor

I went up to the mountain
Because you asked me to
Up over the clouds
To where the sky was blue
I could see all around me
Everywhere
I could see all around me
Everywhere

Sometimes I feel like
I've never been nothing but tired
And I'll be walking
Till the day I expire
Sometimes I lay down
No more can I do
But then I go on again
Because you ask me to

Some days I look down
Afraid I will fall
And though the sun shines
I see nothing at all
Then I hear your sweet voice
Come and then go
Telling me softly
You love me so

The peaceful valley
Just over the mountain
The peaceful valley
Few come to know
I may never get there
Ever in this lifetime
But sooner or later
It's there I will go

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

It's up to us to finance the beloved spiritual community we want to create! Today, we invite you to be part of Arlington Street's story of devotion, innovation, and transformative generosity.



WAYS TO GIVE

1. Scan the QR code
2. Visit tinyurl.com/GiveASC
3. Search @ArlingtonStreet on Venmo (Charities)
4. Text the word "GIVE" to (617) 300-0509
5. Mail a check to Arlington Street Church

If you would like to give regularly, you can set up automatic payments at tinyurl.com/GiveASC or by contacting Liz Teixeira Treasurer@ASCBoston.org. We encourage you to provide now for a future gift to Arlington Street by remembering the church in your will. Thank you for helping to ensure a robust future for our beloved spiritual community!

SHARE THE PLATE: RED CROSS – CA WILDFIRES DISASTER RELIEF

Generosity is a spiritual practice at Arlington Street Church. Because sharing our resources transforms both ourselves and our world, we share our Sunday offering with a partner in our mission of love, service, justice, and peace.



Thousands of Californians continue to be devastated by the catastrophic wildfires raging across the Los Angeles area. In the midst of this tragedy, the American Red Cross is on the ground providing help and hope with necessities like food, shelter, emotional care, recovery planning, and financial assistance. Nearly 450 Red Cross first responders are working day and night to make sure people are not alone. Since the fires began, the Red Cross has provided more than 33,000 meals and snacks.

The organization has also facilitated the engagement of over 8,000 local community members who've signed up as new Red Cross volunteers, demonstrating the best of humanity coming together to care for one another.

To make your gift, please scan the QR code above; visit tinyurl.com/GiveASC; or text the amount you want to give and the word SHARE (ex. \$50 SHARE) to (617) 300-0509. *Thank you for your generosity!*

OFFERTORY

Nocturne *Daniel Hellbach* (b. 1958)
Hyunju Jung, piano

***HYMN 1021**

Lean on Me..... *Bill Withers* (1938–2020)

Sometimes in our lives
We all have pain, we all have sorrow
But if we are wise
We know that there's always tomorrow

Chorus

Lean on me when you're not strong
And I'll be your friend, I'll help you carry on
For it won't be long
'Til I'm gonna need somebody to lean on

Please, swallow your pride
If I have things you need to borrow
For no one can fill those of your needs
That you won't let show

Chorus

If there is a load
You have to bear that you can't carry
I'm right up the road, I'll share your load
If you just call me

You just call on me, darling,
When you need a hand
We all need somebody to lean on
I just might have a problem that you'll understand
We all need somebody to lean on

Chorus

BENEDICTION & EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

RECESSIONAL

Where You Go (I Will Go) *Shoshana Jedwab* (b. 1964)
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

Where you go I will go, beloved
Where you go I will go
Where you go I will go, beloved
Where you go I will go

For your people are my people
Your people are mine
Your people are my people
Your divine, my divine

POSTLUDE

Woke Up This Morning with My Mind Stayed on Freedom

African American Spiritual

Hyunju Jung, piano



** Out of respect for Arlington Street Church members and friends who are Jewish,
we follow the tradition of not spelling out G-d's name.*

Flowers on the High Pulpit

Would you like to make a gift of flowers for the entire congregation to enjoy
on a Sunday morning? You can make your dedication in memory,
in honor, or in celebration of someone or something you love.

You can have flowers delivered or bring your own
(a minimum of two dozen flowers is perfect for our huge space).
Please email office@ASCBoston.org to claim your date! *Thank you!*

This Week at Arlington Street ~ You Are Invited!



SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

11:00 am ~ Sunday Service (Sanctuary & Zoom)

12:00 pm ~ Coffee Hour (Chapel & Zoom)

MONDAY, JANUARY 20

10:00 am ~ MLK Day Reflection Circle with Rev. Parisa (Zoom)

12:00 pm ~ Monday Mettā (Zoom)

4:00 pm ~ Poems to Go On (Zoom)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

6:00 pm ~ Prudential Committee Meeting (Zoom)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

5:00 pm ~ Tea with Ministers (Zoom)

6:00 pm ~ Kundalini Yoga (Zoom)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

5:00 pm ~ Arlington Street Writes (Zoom)

6:00 pm ~ Arlington Street Choir Rehearsal (Clarke Room)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

11:00 am ~ Sunday Service (Sanctuary & Zoom)

12:00 pm ~ Coffee Hour (Chapel & Zoom)

12:30 pm ~ Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary & Zoom)

6:00 pm ~ Vegan Cooking with Jenny (Zoom)

For details and Zoom links for these events and more,
please visit ASCBoston.org.

Arlington Street Prudential Committee

The Prudential Committee is Arlington Street's elected, governing board. "The Pru" is joined by Stephen Anable (Clerk) and Liz Teixeira (Treasurer) in conducting the business of the church.

Alan Kemp, Chair
Sandy Dixon, Co-Chair
Kelly Anne Weaver, Co-Chair

Rachel Corey
Cathy DeMatto
Hala Hazar

Art Nava
Laura Pattison
Bob Sessions

The leadership welcomes your questions
and suggestions at Pru_Chair@ASCBoston.org.

Arlington Street Staff Directory

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Parking at Arlington Street Church

Discount parking on Sundays is available at the Back Bay Garage at 500 Boylston Street. Please request a discount coupon from an usher. Also, metered parking is free in the city on Sundays.

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